**Production of Marine Fish**

4006. DR. SUDHIR RAY:
SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of marine fish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): The important steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to increase the marine fish production include implementation of the following schemes:—

(i) Motorisation of traditional craft

(ii) Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed Diesel Oil used by fishing vessels below 20 M. Length;

(iii) Exploitation of offshore pelagic fishery resources by the introduction of non-trawler type FRP fishing boats of 12—15 Metre length;

(iv) Introduction of plywood fishing craft as substitute to canoes and catamarans;

(v) Financing Maritime State Governments to procure patrol boats for effective implementation of Marine Fishing Regulation Act in the Territorial Waters; and

(vi) Encouraging deep sea fishing through joint venture, allowing leasing of second hand foreign fishing vessels, extension of credit for purchase of vessels etc.

**Progress of C-DOT**

4007. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far by the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT);

(b) whether the technology developed by C-DoT have been accepted by other countries; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for further growth of C-DOT and to tap the international market?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) C-DOT has designed a family of digital switching systems consisting of Private Branch Exchange, Rural Automatic Exchange, Main Exchange, Integrated Local and Transit Exchange Development of Vendors for components, sub-assemblies and other materials required for manufacture of the designs was also undertaken by C-DOT. The production technology including development of tools, testers and manufacturing processes has been evolved. Support, training, documentation and assistance for deployment of these products has also been provided. C-DOT is, currently, engaged on a number of projects for developing switching and transmission products for Department of Telecommunications.

(b) C-DOT has received enquiries from a number of countries for its technology and products. C-DOT licensees are also getting proposals directly.

(c) C-DOT has been established as a permanent institution. Government is supporting C-DOT by making available adequate funds for its technology/Products development programme. C-DOT is making efforts to boost exports through international exposure. The Department is also promoting export of telecom products and services.

**Gold and Silver Obtained from Mines**

4008. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gold and silver obtained from the various gold mines during the last three years;

(b) whether mining of the Kolar Gold Fields have been stopped;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government have any scheme to tap gold and silver from unexplored areas of the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Quantity of gold and silver obtained from various gold mines and as bye-products in the country dur-